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In re Appln. of: L. Larkin et al.

Appln. No.: 10/652,896

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Attorney Docket No: 396-453

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Attached is/are:

☒ Transmittal letter (in duplicate), Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 identifying 5 references, copies of two foreign references, copy of search report issued in corresponding application.

☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

☒ No additional fee is required.

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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$180=			+ \$360=	
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☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

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☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

March 23, 2005
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

No.	Publication Date	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,250,039	02/10/1981	Cozzi et al.
5,900,305	05/04/1999	Chapman
US 2003/0106295 A1	06/12/2003	Beer et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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DE 44 43 158 A1	06/13/1996	Germany
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), Applicants' attorney believes the relevance of the German document is that it deals with a filter medium for gas filtration consisting of a melt blown material which, according to the five embodiments shown, is stabilized

by a fleece (Fig. 1) connected by a spray adhesive, a fleece covered by polypropylene, wherein the melt blown material is connected thereto by ultrasonic welding (Fig. 2), by a paper connected by a spray (Fig. 3), by an impregnated polyester fleece (Fig. 4) and by a felt of polyester containing a reinforcement woven material (Fig. 5). Please also see the attached EPO search report for a corresponding EPO application.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B1	4,250,039	02/10/1981	Cozzi et al.		05/07/1979
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	B4	DE 44 43 158 A1	06/13/1996	Germany		No
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